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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	<b>EXAMINING BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AND ATHLETICS TRAINERS</b>
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	<b>Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.</b>
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware <b>Conference Room A</b> , First floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL	June 25, 2013

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

W. Wayne Woodzell, Professional Member, Chairperson  
Julie Knowles, Professional Member, Vice-Chairperson  
Jeffrey Schneider, Professional Member, Secretary  
Cheryl Fruchtman, Public Member  
Damien McGovern, Professional Member  
Laura Schmitt, Professional Member  
Waheedah Shabazz, Public Member  
Samuel Sullivan, Professional Member

**DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General  
Gayle MacAfee, Executive Director

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Amy Blansfield, Professional Member  
Tyler Luff, Public Member

**ALSO PRESENT**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Woodzell called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

## **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 26, 2013 meeting. Ms. Knowles moved, seconded by Mr. Schneider, to approve the minutes. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Sign Order on Acceptance of Chief Hearing Officer's Report for Douglas Palmer

This agenda item was tabled. Ms. Kelly indicated that she would send the Order to the Board President for signature.

### Continued Discussion on Proposed Legislation

The board continued their review of their draft legislation and corrections were noted. The board tabled their discussion, at this time, in order to conduct the scheduled hearing.

### Proposal to Deny Hearing Scheduled for Nematullah Vasowala – PTA by Reciprocity (5:15 p.m.)

At 5:22 p.m., the proposal to deny hearing was called to order on the application submitted by Nematullah Vasowala. The board introduced themselves for the record. Verbatim testimony was taken by the court reporter. Ms. Vasowala was present and Ms. Kelly verified that she waived her right to be represented by counsel. Ms. Kelly stated the purpose of the hearing. The Applicant's Exhibits 1, 2 and 3 were marked for the record. Ms. Vasowala was sworn in, presented her case, and responded to questions asked by the board members. At 5:38 p.m., the board went off the record for deliberations. At 5:53 p.m., the board went back on the record. Ms. Fruchtmann moved, seconded by Ms. Shabazz to provide the applicant with a three-month extension to obtain an appropriate credential evaluation of her school's program by an agency approved by the board. Motion unanimously carried. The hearing will continue for three (3) months. Mr. McGovern did not participate in the hearing or deliberations. The hearing concluded at 5:56 p.m.

### Continued Discussion on Proposed Legislation

The board continued their review of their draft legislation and corrections were noted. Ms. Knowles moved, seconded by Ms. Schmitt that the suggested changes be modified on the final draft and be circulated to the list of stakeholders. Motion unanimously carried. Ms. Kelly noted that she has the list of stakeholders.

### Future Discussion of Presentation by FSBPT

This agenda item was tabled.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Ratify PT/PTA/AT Application by Examination

Ms. Knowles moved, seconded by Ms. Schmitt, to ratify licensure by examination and approve the following PTAs as noted below. Motion unanimously carried.

Nicholas Balchiunas (PTA)  
Michael Delbaugh (PTA)  
Elizabeth McMullen (PTA)

Josh Papa (PTA)  
Sean Rowland (PTA)

Ratify PT/PTA/AT Applications by Reciprocity

Ms. Knowles moved, seconded by Ms. Schmitt, to ratify licensure by reciprocity for Mary Feinstein (PT). Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application by Reciprocity

There were no applications by reciprocity.

Review of Applications by Examination

Ms. Knowles moved, seconded by Ms. Schmitt, to propose to deny licensure by examination to Najla Abas (PT) as the qualifications of applicant are not substantially equivalent to Delaware as required by 24 Del. C. Section 2610(b) and Board Rule 9.0. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Knowles moved, seconded by Ms. Schmitt, to approve the requested special accommodations for Joyce Henry (PTA) by examination. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Knowles moved, seconded by Ms. Schmitt, to propose to deny licensure by examination to Rakhi Save (PT) as the qualifications of applicant are not substantially equivalent to Delaware as required by 24 Del. C. Section 2610(b) and Board Rule 9.0. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Schneider moved, seconded by Ms. Schmitt, to add Alice Ruff (PT) to the amended agenda as Agenda Item 4.4.4. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Knowles moved, seconded by Mr. McGovern, to approve Alice Ruff (PT) by examination after reviewing the applicant's criminal history report. Motion unanimously carried.

Ratify and Review of Applications for Reinstatement

There were no applications for reinstatement.

Review of Continuing Education Courses

Mr. Sullivan moved, seconded by Ms. Schmitt, to approve the below continuing education courses. Motion unanimously carried.

ATI Physical Therapy – 2013 Continuing Education Series Maryland  
Conference - May 17, 2013 – 5.5 Contact Hours  
PESI Healthcare – The Neurosurgical Patient: Evidence-Based Strategies for Pre- and  
Post-Operative Patient Care – July 15-17, 2013 – 6.25 Contact Hours  
Delaware Technical Community College – Dry Needling & Soft Tissue Techniques –  
April 25, 2013 – 2 Contact Hours  
Cincinnati Sports Medicine Research and Education Foundation – 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Advances  
on the Knee, Shoulder and Sports Medicine Conference – May 26-29, 2013 –  
31 Contact Hours

Physiotherapy Associates – Manual Therapy and Exercise of Cervico Thoracic Disorders  
– December 7-8, 2013 – 12 Contact Hours

Physiotherapy Associates – Evaluation and Treatment of Temporomandibular Disorders  
- July 27-28, 2013 – 15 Contact Hours

Colleen Nicole Starkey – Summit Professional Education - Evidence Based Assessment  
and Treatment of Shoulder Disorders – May 11, 2013 – 6 Contact Hours

#### Status of Complaints

For informational purposes, Complaint #14-01-10 was dismissed by the Attorney General's office and Complaint #14-01-12 was sent to the Attorney General's office for their review.

#### Final Denials

Mr. Sullivan moved, seconded by Ms. Schmitt, to formally deny the application from Remar Cordova (PT) by reciprocity, as applicant had not requested a hearing before the Board based upon on the proposed denial at the January 22, 2013 meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Sullivan moved, seconded by Ms. Schmitt, to formally deny the application from Emelie Elises (PT) by reciprocity, as applicant had not requested a hearing before the Board based upon on the proposed denial at the January 22, 2013 meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Notice of Key Changes to Licensees Regarding CPR and Ethics

Ms. MacAfee provided the Board with proposed language that will be sent to all licensed Physical Therapists, Physical Therapist Assistants and Athletic Trainers alerting them of the new rules that went into effect as of February 1, 2013. The email will note that the upcoming renewal in 2015 will require continuing education in ethics and a CPR course; and each licensee will be required to knowledge their mandatory duty to report. A correction was noted in the email script to licensees.

#### Review Documentation Received for Those Selected for Post-Renewal Audit

The board members reviewed the submissions for those licensees selected for the post-renewal audit. Mr. Schneider moved, seconded by Ms. Schmitt, to schedule a hearing before a Hearing Officer for those licensees that were deficient in their required continuing education documentation as noted. Motion unanimously carried.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

There was no other business.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

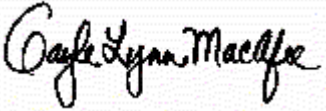
#### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in the second floor Conference Room A, of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Schneider moved, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gayle Lynn MacAfee", is written over a light blue grid background.

Gayle Lynn MacAfee, MS  
Executive Director